Visits of Central Ministers to Punjab

*190. SHRI JAGESH DESAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the visits of various Central Ministers to Punjab during the last two months; and

(b) what follow-up action has been taken after each of these visits?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMED SAYEED): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Declaration of roads of Orissa as National Highways

*191. SHRI KAHNU CHARAN LENKA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Orissa have sent some proposals to Government to declare the roads from Gopalpur port-Binhampur-Aska-Darigibadi Baliguda Tummdibandha-Ramapur Titlargarh-Nampada-Raipur passing through the districts of Ganjam, Phulbani Kalahandi and Bolangir as National Highways; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Decision on the same would depend upon the allocation in the 8th Plan which is yet to be finalised.

Curtailment of the Programmes by the Srinagar Station of AIR/Doordarshan

*192. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be peased to

(a) the details of the regular programmes which were being broadcast/telecast by the Srinagar Station of All India Radio/Doordarshan till about a year back, and have since been curtailed;

(b) the reasons for the curtailment of each such programme;

(c) whether the local news bulletins are actually produced in Srinagar; if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what is the present arrangement for preparation of such news bulletins?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) to (d) All India Radio has stopped the programmes based on interviews of tourists and reduced the frequency of programme entitled 'Rai Trai' from Weekly to Monthly. The School broadcasts which were stopped from 1st March, 1990, have since been resumed with effect from 6th August, 1990.

The reasons for stopping/curtailment of the above programmes are:

(i) the fall in inflow of the tourists to the valley; and

(ii) constraint in the mobility for doing outdoor recordings. The school broadcasts were stopped because of closure of schools in the valley.

As regards Doordarshan, no regular programme has been stopped/curtailed.

The regional news bulletins of All India Radio are produced in Delhi, based on newsfeeds from Jammu and Kashmir. A news bulletin in Gojri is originated from Jammu. As regards Doordarshan, news in Kashmiri and Urdu are produced from Jammu. These arrangements have been made keeping in view the prevailing law and